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On This Date

1291 – A pact was made to form the Swiss Confederation, also known as Switzerland. The anniversary of this founding is celebrated with parades, bonfires, flags, and fireworks.

1714 – George I ascended the English throne. His reign marked the shift from the House of Stuart to the House of Hanover.

1834 – The Slavery Abolition Act took effect, outlawing slavery in the British Empire.

1893 – Henry Perky received a patent for a machine to make “little whole wheat mattresses,” now known worldwide as shredded wheat. His Niagara Falls factory still produces the cereal today.

Inventor Trivia

Marion Donovan, a post-World War II mother, invented the disposable diaper. This followed her innovative diaper cover with pinless snaps. Pampers went on the market in 1961.



Quote of the Day

“It is not down on any map;
true places never are.”

~ *Herman Melville,*
in Moby-Dick

Happy Birthday!

Herman Melville (1819–1891) was an American novelist and short story writer. Born in New York City, Melville spent his twenties aboard whaling ships in the South Seas. His masterpiece *Moby-Dick* (1851) is one of the seminal works of American Renaissance literature. The novel is imbued with potent themes, bountiful metaphors, and a keen interest in whaling and life at sea. Melville supplemented his writing income with work as a customs inspector. In later years, he became reclusive and wrote volumes of poetry and short stories.

